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Applicant: Sundaram Ravikumar

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Title: Blood Vessel Occlusion Device

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

This is a timely reply to an Interview Summary mailed February 23, 2007. No fee is believed due. If any fee is due at this time, please charge the fee to deposit account no. 07-1732.

A Statement of the Substance of the Interview begins on page 2 hereof.

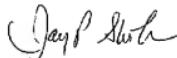
STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

The Examiner and two representatives of the Applicant (Attorney David Gordon and the undersigned) held a personal interview on February 15, 2007, concerning claim 1. The Applicant's representatives showed the Examiner an insertion device and plug as described in the patent application. An image file showing these devices is enclosed as an Exhibit herewith.

The participants discussed the differences between the plug as shown and described in the patent application and the combination of Purdy and Kazi Mebin-Uddin. The Examiner agreed with the Applicant's representatives that if the Purdy's occlusion device were modified to include attachment means and an insertion device in view of Mebin-Uddin, the modified occlusion device would have a through hole at the lead element (104, see fig. 7 of Purdy reference).

Applicant's representatives agreed to amend the claims to include limitations to exclude a through hole from the plug as claimed.

Respectfully submitted,



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